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Library Custodians Meet at University of Alberta, Edmonton



Twenty-two library custodians and course instructors who participated in a workshop held in Edmonton at the conclusion of courses held during the winter.

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RECREATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Branch is to assist communities with the organization and operation of broad recreation and continuing education programs that offer opportunity to all; and to encourage talented residents of the province, so that they may best realize their own potential and whenever possible, give leadership and service to their community, thus contributing to the cultural development of the nation.

The Branch offers leadership training, consultative services and financial assistance to communities in developing organization and program.

The staff of this Branch will be pleased to offer you any assistance when requested. Use their knowledge to help build your community programs and citizens.

NORTHERN AREA

"Recreation in



The above picture is one way the people of Rycroft, Alberta, say "Welcome" to our town "The Hub of the Great Peace River Country".

Rycroft is an active Northwestern Alberta town and is situated at the crossroads of Highways 2 and 49 in the fertile Central Peace River Country. The town was incorporated as a Village on March 15, 1944, and now has a population of 600 people. The slogan name "Hub of the Peace" is very appropriate, for the centre is geographically located as such.

Hockey and baseball have been the most popular sports in Rycroft for many years. However, with the forming of a publicly sponsored Recreation Board on April 13, 1965, recreation in its physical and cultural form is expected to be given an added incentive. The Recreation Board, as formed, consists of seven members who are Joe Margel, representing the town council; Nick Iannone, Vince Durda, Nick D. Shmyr, Mrs. Grace Craig and Ernie White.

RECREATION SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1964

It should be noted that the Council of Rycroft, before passing the Recreation By-law undertook what is known as a "Recreation Survey". From practical experience, we have found that this survey was the "key" to the formation of our Recreation Board. The object of the survey was to find out what the people of Rycroft and district are doing in the field of recreation and cultural development; to find out what they wanted to do, to co-ordinate present activities; to provide more activities and

a variety of activities for young and old; to prevent duplication and a waste of public money in construction of capital projects; to equalize the burden and lessen the burden on those persons who are very active members of different organizations; to provide more and better leadership training by sending interested citizens to take leadership training courses and of course to make Rycroft and district a leading Northern community.

Mr. Syd Moore, the Northern Area Consultant of the Provincial Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, was contacted to assist in planning. A plan was drawn up on the basis of a face to face questionnaire. The survey was accomplished by making enquiries into the following areas:

1. Peoples' interests—available leaders.
2. Existing programs and activities.
3. Existing facilities.

A total of 175 families were contacted and surveyed. This total was made up of 128 from Rycroft and 47 from the surrounding area. A total of 552 people were surveyed; 33 of these have indicated the ability and willingness to give leadership training in 37 separate activities. On the survey sheet there were 73 different recreational activity chores available. Of these, 59 are available now, many need further investigation. Most active in order were: 1 curling, 2 hockey, 3 baseball. Most requested were swimming, bowling, library. The most requested which can make use of existing facilities are: 1 shooting, 2 wood-working, 3 modern folk-dancing, 4 skiing, 5 horseshoe pitching. The survey also pointed out that there were 35 organizations providing some sort of activity for the people of Rycroft and district.

ART, CERAMICS, POTTERY CLASSES HELD

Classes in basic art training have been held this past year, along with ceramics and pottery, and these classes were arranged under the capable leadership and guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Priegert, who brings her knowledge to Rycroft from Belgium. Mrs. Priegert is now making arrangements for "painting in diverse media", as a follow up of the past sessions; also in mind for this coming fall is a class in copper enamelling.

ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP FORMED



The Rycroft Arts and Crafts Group was formed in 1964 with 30 members taking part. One of the first projects that the group undertook was Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating. Mrs. Nick Sandul was the instructor and a very successful course was completed. Since then courses have been given in basketry, copper tooling and others.

DRESSMAKING

Due to the widespread interest and enthusiasm for sewing in the group, a full class was enrolled on October 15, 1964, with the much appreciated encouragement and approval of Mr. Syd Moore, Northern Consultant, and Mrs. Evy McBryan, Arts and Crafts Co-ordinator of Grande Prairie. The class has proved so popular that the group plans on considerable expansion in the fall of 1965, and are looking forward to the time when they will be able to enlist assistance from the Arts and Crafts Division of the Province. The ladies of this group are very fortunate in having Mrs. Muriel Rieger, who resides in the Rycroft district, for an instructor. Mrs. Rieger studied Industrial Dressmaking and Design, Ladies' Tailoring and Millinery, at the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary, Alberta.

BALL

On the ball diamonds, Rycroft has senior baseball and fastball, with both teams competing in their respective Central Peace Leagues. Minor baseball is also active with the Rycroft Branch of the Canadian Legion sponsoring the youngsters.

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TOWN PLANS RECREATIONAL CENTRE

A major step towards a Recreational Centre was completed last fall, with the acquisition of seven acres of land centrally located in the town. A firm of consulting engineers was engaged to draw up a plot plan of the area for development on a staged program basis. Incorporated in the plan are: a covered ice arena, curling rink, tennis courts, baseball diamond, swimming pool, wading pool and ample parking space. The first capital project undertaken on the site was the building of an outdoor skating rink, so designed that a roof could be erected over it, without any loss of present building. It is anticipated that within two years this rink will be completed, along with a curling rink. The senior baseball enthusiasts have given some indication that they would assist financially and with volunteer labor in getting the new baseball diamond completed this year.

MINOR HOCKEY

Minor hockey in Rycroft has taken a big swing upward, with new enthusiasm being injected into the youngsters by two new coaches, namely: Gerry Brown and Nick Iannone.

Wee Wee's, Pee Wee's, Bantams and Juvenile teams have been very active, with the Wee Wee's (9 and under) showing the most interest. Between 20 and 28 youngsters showed up regularly this winter, despite the sub-zero weather and chilling winds. However, there are plans to cover the new outdoor skating rink. The newly formed Juvenile team, has a new coach already enlisted for next season's play, and the word is that all other Juvenile teams in the Peace should be prepared to meet the most powerful Juvenile hockey team ever iced in this area.

A minor hockey fathers and sons banquet was sponsored by the Athletic Association last winter, attended by 75 youngsters and their fathers.

Sponsorship of the Wee Wees and the Pee Wees has been under the auspices of the Rycroft Elks for quite some time, and much credit must be given to this fine organization in their generous ef-

forts.. Besides the Elks, the Rycroft Athletic Association also help in fostering this clean outdoor sport for youngsters. Interest in sponsorship of minor hockey has been so keen in Rycroft, that the newly formed Rycroft Jaycees have expressed their desire to sponsor a team this coming season.

BROOMBALL

This past winter the new hockey rink was well utilized by young and old, and broomball was encouraged by the Athletic Association. A "Muk-Luk" Broomball tourney was held with some 10 teams entered from town and the district. Euthusiasts in broomball are all looking forward to forming a league next winter. During March an Ice Carnival was held, which was a resounding success. Such events as minor hockey, broomball, races, fancy costumes, moccasin dance and a gigantic winter wiener roast were enjoyed.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians has played a leading role in this northwestern community in preserving a rich Ukrainian Canadian heritage of song, dance and music, thus adding to the culture of Canada. This organization has staged many concerts and plays in Rycroft and other Peace River centres since the 1930's. Last year the Rycroft group was instrumental in helping to organize a Peace River Folk Festival with some 200 performers on stage. This organization is looking forward to working with the newly formed Rycroft Recreational Board in further promoting this type of cultural activity—with the 1967 Centennial celebrations in mind.

BALLET GROUP FORMED

A ballet group has been organized and nine ballet students are travelling from Rycroft to Grande Prairie every Saturday for instructions. Our hope for this coming fall is to get an even larger group, thus allowing an instructor to come to Rycroft. Interest indications are that the group may have as many as 25 students taking part this fall.

7th Provincial Band & Orchestra Workshop

Mount Royal Conservatory
of Music

CALGARY

JULY 12 - AUGUST 7

1965



COURSES

"A" BAND

July 12 - 24 inclusive \$50.00

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

July 12 - 24 inclusive \$50.00

"B" BAND

July 26 - August 7 inclusive \$50.00

JUNIOR STRING ORCHESTRA

July 26 - August 7 inclusive \$50.00

BAND DIRECTORS' WORKSHOP

July 31 - August 7 inclusive \$42.00

(Includes tuition, board and lodging.)

Applications are available from the Supervisor of Music, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary, Room 424, Legislative Building, EDMONTON, Alberta.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
JUNE 12, 1965

ALBERTACRAFT

This is a cordial invitation to attend the Albertacraft '65 Exhibition, which will be held in the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, Alberta, June 21-28, 1965.

Regular readers of Recreation News will have already heard of the special exhibitions which have been arranged to accompany Albertacraft '65.

- German Arts and Crafts
- Cecil Richards Sculpture
- Arthur Handy Ceramics
- Creative Children's and Adult Needlework

In addition to the above exhibits there will be a great variety of entries in the field of jewellery, metalsmithing, textiles, batik, sculpture, ceramics and

weaving. These are the largest areas of the craft field represented in Albertacraft '65.

Many of the other fields will be represented in a lesser degree. The quality of these exhibits easily equals and possibly surpasses that of previous exhibitions.

A selection of different films relevant to arts and crafts will be shown during each afternoon and evening. Two demonstrations in various crafts will be given at intervals throughout the exhibition.

The exhibition is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily and members of the Arts and Crafts Division will be in attendance at all times to answer questions and to help make your visit more enjoyable and more informative.

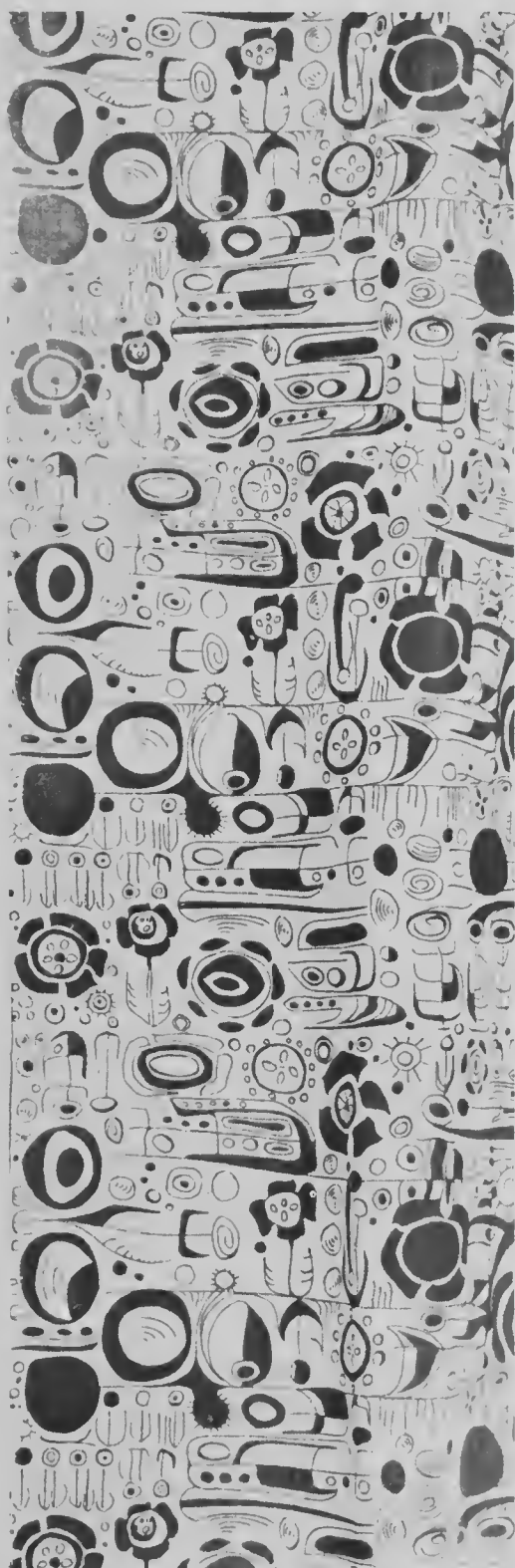


Ceramic planter
by Wallace Kendal, Red Deer.



Ceramic garden lantern
by Walter Drohan, Calgary

Silk Screen Textile
by Carol Breen (student), Calgary



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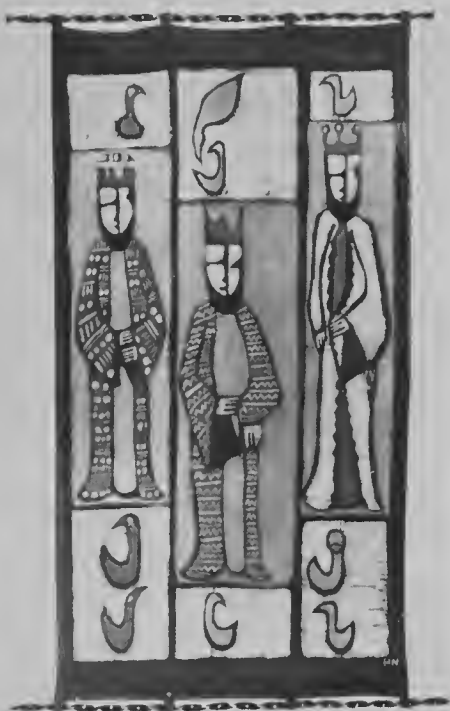
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JUNE 21 - 28, 1965

9:00 a.m. to

9:00 p.m. Daily



Batik—"Monarchs"
by Bev Nodwell (student), Calgary



Fused silver bracelet by Mrs. Byler, Calgary.



Bronze figure, from the exhibition by Cecil Richards, Winnipeg.

PROFESSIONAL LAWN TENNIS AID OFFERED TO CLUBS, COMMUNITIES

It was announced in the May issue of Recreation News that the Alberta Lawn Tennis Association, with assistance from the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch and the National Fitness Directorate, had hired Mr. Lance Richard as professional for the summer of 1965.

Lance began his duties on May 15 and has been assisting tennis clubs and clubs-to-be in Drayton Valley, Edson, Hinton, Jasper, Banff, Legal, Edmonton district, Barrhead, Westlock, Ahtabasca, Grande Prairie, High Prairie and Peace River.

Communities wishing to obtain the services of this qualified professional at little expense should contact directly:

Mr. Morris Lyons
President, Alberta Lawn Tennis Association
202 Mercantile Building
Edmonton, Alberta.

DRUMHELLER TO BE LOCALE OF SIXTH DRAMA DIVISION SUMMER SEMINAR

The Sixth Annual Summer Residential Drama Seminar, operated by the Drama Division of the Provincial Government, will again be held in Drumheller, at the Drumheller Vocational School from August 9 to 21.

The staff this year will be headed by Mr. Robert Gill of Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto, who headed the staff the first year of the school and proved to be one of the ablest and most popular instructors the school has had. Other instructors on staff will be Peter Ajello of Vancouver, Freda de Branscoville, Leslie Funteck, and Gerard Baril.

Last year's school, the first to be held in Drumheller, proved to be one of the most successful drama seminars yet held, with twenty-seven drama communities represented, including areas in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Deadline for applications for the Seminar is July 12.

For further information, write to:

Drama Supervisor
Room 424, Legislative Building
Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Richard's schedule until the end of July is as follows:

June 15-July 1—Southern Alberta, including Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Magrath, Cardston, Banff, Waterton Park, Hanna, Drumheller.

July 1-July 22—Fort McLeod, High River, Red Deer District (11 centers).

July 23-August 2—Calgary and immediate district.

If you are interested in obtaining assistance with your tennis program, whether it be instruction, advice on facilities or the formation of a club, be sure and see to it that your community is included on the tennis professional's itinerary.

Centennial Officer Is Keynote Speaker At First Workshop of Advisory Boards

E. H. Abell, Centennial Officer for the Government of Alberta, was the keynote speaker at the first Workshop for Advisory Boards to the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary. The Workshop was held in Edmonton on May 27, with the theme, "How Might We Use the Centennial Year to Implement the Future".

This was the first such Workshop to be held, and representatives were on hand from all the Advisory Boards, as well as members of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch.

Each of the Boards met separately, to discuss development of programs and what is needed in order to accomplish the development of programs. Discussion groups followed, and the meeting wound up with a general session, in which reports were received from each group, and a discussion held on "How do we use the Centennial as a beginning or as a spring board to implement these plans".

At a government-sponsored dinner, Mr. W. H. Kaasa, Director of Recreation and Cultural Development, was chairman, and paid tribute to retiring board members, and welcomed new members to the boards.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL HAS 150 CANDIDATES FROM 75 COMMUNITIES

More than 200 applications were received for the 1965 Recreation Leadership School to be held at Camrose July 5-31. The 150 candidates finally accepted will represent an increase of 30, over last year's enrolment. They will be coming from 75 Alberta communities. Students and staff will be in residence in the Camrose Lutheran College and will use public school and city facilities for their various classes. Upon completion of their course students are expected to return to their communities to offer leadership in a wide variety of recreation activities.

ADDITIONAL STAFF NAMED FOR R.L.S.

VICTOR SUTTON, a newcomer to Recreation Leadership School will be teaching drama. He has his B.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Saskatchewan and has studied acting and speech at the University of Colorado. He previously worked for the Saskatoon Children's Theatre, Edmonton Players and was a member of the Saskatchewan Greystone Singers.

SANDRA CARRUTHERS will be the pianist at Recreation Leadership School, and will assist in the music classes. She has worked as Playground Director for the City of Edmonton and has just completed her Bachelor of Music at the University of Alberta.

BEVERLEY BARNHOUSE MILLER, a former graduate and staff member of Recreation Leadership School will be returning for her fourth year to instruct group games and recreation leadership. A graduate of the University of Alberta, she is at present completing her Masters in Theatre Arts at the Pasadena Playhouse, College of Theatre Arts.

THOUGHTS:

"When everything else fails—try following directions."

"When what we did yesterday seems big and important—we had better check today's efforts."

12 REASONS Why Recreation Boards Play a Vital Role in any Community

6. Recreation Boards, as boards and commissions, can still offer effective and useful aid to officials and the community, when duties are clearly defined.

6th in a series of 12 from the Recreation & Cultural Development Branch.

LIFEGUARD COURSES PLANNED FOR JULY IN ALBERTA CENTRES

The National Lifeguard Service (Alberta), in co-operation with the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, the National Fitness Directorate and local recreation boards has scheduled two summer Lifeguard courses for Alberta.

These courses will be held simultaneously at Grande Prairie and Lethbridge on the dates of July 10, 11, 17 and 18.

Candidates for this course must be 17 or over at the time of registration and must presently be a Y.M.C.A. Life Saver, Red Cross Water Safety Leader, a Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion holder or equivalent.

Only in its second year of operation, the National Lifeguard Service (Alberta) has qualified over 150 Lifeguards at regional and local courses throughout Alberta. In addition 35 Lifeguard Instructors have been qualified at two courses held in Edmonton and Calgary.

The cost of the course is \$5.00 per candidate and further information along with application forms may be obtained from:

Mr. Lorne R. Wood
Supervisor of Athletics
Recreation and Cultural Development Branch
Room 424, Legislative Building
Edmonton, Alberta.

National Championships In Swimming and Diving At New Red Deer Pool

Red Deer's new Olympic size pool will be the site of the National Diving and Swimming Championships from July 23-31, 1965.

Under the direction of Don Moore, Superintendent of Recreation, plans for the meet are progressing on schedule and a great many activities are in store for visitors attending the meet.

Instructor Clinics Arranged by Royal Life Saving Society

The Alberta Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society with assistance from the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch and the National Fitness Directorate announces the following dates for its 1965 instructor-examiner clinics:

June 13—Sunday —Ft. Saskatchewan
June 19—Saturday—Red Deer
June 27—Sunday —Vegreville
June 27—Sunday —Three Hills
June 27—Sunday —Edson
July 4—Sunday —Claresholm
July 24—Saturday—Cardston.

In each case the course will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Further details may be obtained from:

Burt Anderson
28 Commerce Street, N.W.
CALGARY, Alberta.

NINETEEN COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED AT FIRST PLAYGROUND SEMINAR

Nineteen communities took advantage of a rare opportunity to assess and discuss "What it is that playgrounds are all about in today's society", when they were represented at the first Seminar for Playground Administrators, held at Pine Lake on May 21-24.

It was a very informative and interesting session. Resource leader Mr. George Ward did a commendable job. It was unfortunate that some senior administrators, for which the seminar was actually designed, saw fit to send their activity leaders instead of coming themselves.

"I would rather train ten men—than attempt to do ten times more than I'm capable of."

"I would rather people thought me a fool—than open my mouth and convince them."

Dates to Remember

June 21-28 — ALBERTACRAFT '65, Auditorium, Calgary.

June 24-30 — Provincial Playground Course, Pine Lake.

July 1 — Alberta Track and Field Relay Championships, Lethbridge.

July 3 — Stampeders Invitational Track and Field Meet, Calgary.

July 5-31 — Recreation Leadership School, Camrose.

July 8-11 — Alberta Whitewater Canoe Race, Rocky Mtn. House to Edmonton.

July 10-11, 17-18 — National Lifeguard Courses, Grande Prairie and Lethbridge.

July 12-August 7 — Provincial Band and Orchestra Workshop, Calgary.

July 24-25 — Alberta Decathlon Championships, Edmonton.

July 23-25 — National Diving Championships, Red Deer.

July 27-31 — National Swimming Championships, Red Deer.

July 31-August 2 — National Water Polo Championships, Edmonton.

August 7 — Alberta Open Track and Field Championships, Calgary.

August 9-21 — Summer Residential Drama Seminar, Drumheller.

August 21-22 — Canadian Decathlon Championships, Lethbridge.

September 4-5 — Alberta Swimming Championships, Red Deer.

September 12 — Northern Alberta Track and Field Championships, Edmonton.

October 3 — City Cross Country Track and Field Championships, Edmonton.

October 29-31 — Recreation Board Workshop, Banff.

EDMONTON TO HOST WATER POLO MEET

The National Water Polo Championships will be held at the Broadstock Pool in Jasper Place on July 31, and August 1 and 2, 1965.

Under the sanction of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association (Alberta) the meet is being co-sponsored by the City of Edmonton, Parks and Recreation Department and the Jasper Place Piranha Water Polo Club.

AUGUST 1 IS DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR 1965-66 RECREATION IN-SERVICE COURSE

A. PURPOSE:

1. To offer persons employed in the recreation field, who are unable to attend university, an opportunity for professional development.
2. To enable communities to take advantage of present provincial grants paid on behalf of qualified recreation personnel.

B. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Candidates must provide documents to substantiate:
 - (a) A complete grade eleven education or better
 - (b) Leadership training at the activity level, i.e., four week Alberta Recreation Leadership School or the equivalent.
2. Candidates over the age of 21 years will be given preference.
3. If registration is not filled by Alberta students, a limited number of out-of-Province students may be accepted.
4. All candidates must be prepared to complete both the correspondence and seminar sections in each year and must also be prepared to participate in short courses as indicated in sections 5 and 6 under general regulations.

C. COURSE CONTENT:

FIRST YEAR—

Correspondence Section: Five units of work based on the text "Recreation Administration" by Meyer and Brightbill, and selected reading references. Emphasis is placed on program planning, organization for public recreation, Legislation and Personnel.

Seminar: Human Growth and Development

Leadership Theory
Public Speaking
Conduct of Meetings
Community Recreation.

SECOND YEAR—

Correspondence Section: Five units of work covering philosophy, community development, programming, facility planning, budgets.

Basic texts: Brightbill, Charles K.—The Challenge of Leisure; Miller and Robinson—The Leisure Age; Athletic Institute—Planning Facilities for Physical Education and Recreation.

Seminar: Community Development
Discussion of Problem Areas.

THIRD YEAR—

Correspondence Section: Texts—Thelen, "Dynamics of Groups At Work". Kaplan, "Leisure in America".

Preparation of papers on selected recreation topics such as: "An Analysis of My Community in Terms of Recreation"; "An Analysis of My Recreation Program"; "The Problems of Leadership in Public Recreation".

Seminar: Philosophy of Recreation
Outdoor Recreation Areas
Public Speaking
Discussion on Problem Areas.

D. COURSE FEES:

All fees cover correspondence course and seminar section, including room and board at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Candidates are requested to submit at least one-half of the registration fee with their application form, before August 1, 1965, and the remainder on or before January 31, 1966. Initial registration fee will only be refunded if the candidate is not accepted in the course or if he withdraws prior to September 1, 1965.

E. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Candidates must complete the correspondence section before they will be permitted to attend the seminar.
2. Candidates who withdraw from the course during the year and forfeit their registration fee must re-apply the following year if they wish to continue.
3. Candidates will be required to complete the entire three year course within a five year period; otherwise, they may lose the opportunity to do so.
4. The Branch reserves the right to cancel any section of the course in which there are insufficient registrations.
5. All candidates will be required to meet at a central point for one weekend during the course (tentative dates, November 13 and 14, 1965).
6. All candidates will be expected to attend at least one short course per year in a specialized area—i.e., Drama, Music, Crafts, Swimming Pool Operation, Camping, etc.

FLIP OF THE FEZ TO...



Thorsby, for the establishment of their Recreation Board.

S. A. A., for another well-represented provincial track meet at Stettler (compliments to W. Limpert, Jerry Howard and Bob Stewart—the local grounds were in good repair.

Graduates of the Recreation In-Service Course for 1964-65.

All Graduates of University of Alberta, Edmonton, and University of Alberta, Calgary.

All Recreation Directors for their weekly columns in local newspapers.

F. CERTIFICATION:

Candidates who successfully complete the correspondence section and the seminar for each of the first two years, will receive a letter of credit. Candidates who successfully complete the final year of the course will be eligible for a recreation directors' certificate.

G. COURSE DATES:

The correspondence section of the In-Service Course will begin **September 10, 1965** with the first assignment due on or before **October 20, 1965**.

Tentative dates for a weekend meeting have been set for November 13 and 14, 1965.

Tentative seminar dates are May 1-14, 1966.

APPLY BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1965

to
Supervisor, Community Programs
Recreation and Cultural Development
Branch
Department of the Provincial Secretary
424 Legislative Building
EDMONTON, Alberta.

It is expected that this will be the last year that first-year candidates will be accepted for the Recreation In-Service Course.